



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Regular Meeting Agenda**

July 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

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On July 24, 2020, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Finch, DO, Chair  
Roger Ludwig, DO, Vice Chair  
Lisa Galbraith, DO  
Sharon Gundersen, PhD, Public Member  
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member  
Kim Morrisette, DO  
Alex Sobel, DO  
Yuri Tsurulnikov, DO  
Kevin Ware, DO

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tracie Drake, Program Manager  
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager  
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Cori Tarzwell, Policy Analyst  
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor  
Kitty Slater-Einert, Case Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Sam Joseph

**9:00 AM**

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

John Finch, DO, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- 1.1 The board members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- 1.2 The board voted to approve the July 24, 2020 agenda as presented.
- 1.3 The board approved the February 7, 2020 and May 8, 2020, business meeting minutes as presented.

**2. Elections**

The board accepted nominations and voted on filling the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to elect Dr. Roger Ludwig as Chair and Dr. Alex Sobel as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**3. Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OP&P) Examination**

The board asked for a volunteer to review the OP&P examinations.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to appoint Dr. Ware, pending his review of the exam and acceptance of the role. If Dr. Ware declines, a pro tem will be appointed. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. **ESHB 1551 Policy Approval**

The board reviewed the Secretary of Health policy regarding ESHB 1551 to determine if the board should create a similar policy.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to create a policy similar to the secretary's policy regarding ESHB 1551. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. **Telemedicine**

5.1 The board discussed joining the Washington Medical Commission (WMC) in joint rulemaking efforts regarding telemedicine.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to authorize a CR 101 to write rules for telemedicine. The board will work in collaboration with the WMC. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Dr. Galbraith & Dr. Morrisette volunteered to participate in the rulemaking process.

5.2 The board determined not to address current telemedicine interpretive statements at this time.

6. **2021 meeting dates**

Ms. Drake presented the potential meeting dates for 2021.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to accept the following meeting dates for 2021: January 8, February 26, March 29, May 21, June 25, August 27, October 15, and December 3. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. **Operational/Delegation**

7.1 The board reviewed the updated signature delegation form.

7.2 The board reviewed the updated decision-making delegation form.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to accept the updated signature delegation form as is, and accept the updated decision-making delegation form, with the removal of the checked box on page one, third box down, in reference to RCW 18.130.180. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7.3 The board reviewed the updated business plan.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the business plan as is. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

8. **Medical Marijuana Authorization Guidelines**

The board reviewed the updated Medical Marijuana (Cannabis) Authorization Guidelines.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to accept the guidelines as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

9. **Attendance at The Washington Academy for Pain Management (WAPM) meeting**

Dr. Tsurulnikov, has agreed to represent the board at the October 3, 2020 WAPM meeting, if it's held virtually.

10. **Program Reports**

10.1 Budge report

The board reviewed the 2021 biennium budget. Ms. Fullerton stated the board is in a good financial position. She also gave an update on the HELMS project, advising it is moving forward and the cost will be broken out over the next four years. Preliminary cost estimates are: FY20 - \$6016; FY21 - \$37,507; FY22 - \$37,178; & FY23 - \$27,189.

10.2 Update on the passage of Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2378

Ms. Drake advised the board that SHB 2378 has passed and as of July 1, 2021 all physician assistants (PA) will be moved under the authority of the WMC. The current PA position held on the board will be removed as of July 1, 2022. The board will recruit at that time for an additional physician member in order to maintain 11 members.

Several board members stated their disappointment in the legislation and frustration that the the legislation moved forward without their input being acknowledged.

10.3 Update on Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5380

Ms. Drake discussed that the requirements for electronic prescribing and electronic health record/prescription monitoring program integration have been postponed to September 30, 2021 due to the COVID-19 panemic. There were no questions or concerns.

10.4 Updated Remote Site Request forms

Ms. Drake discussed the new forms with the board. There were no questions or concerns.

10.5 Recruitment

Ms. Drake shared with the board that interviews have been completed, and three names were put forth to the Governor's office for a decision. Joel Quiroz and Dr. Morrissett have agreed to stay on for reappointment.

Ms. Drake thanked Dr. Finch for his years of service and presented him with a plaque.

11. **Open Forum**

The board received a thank you for all they do and the informative meetings.

12. **Future Business**

No future business was discussed.

13. **Adjournment of public meeting**

The public meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

14. **Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing**

The board will move on to discussing licensing and disciplinary matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Drake, Program Manager

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